

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In one embodiment, a method includes but is not limited to presenting at least one calibrated spoken word; and measuring speech intelligibility utilizing the at least one calibrated spoken word. In another embodiment, the presenting at least one calibrated spoken word is characterized by presenting the at least one calibrated spoken word having root-mean-squared calibration. In another embodiment, the presenting at least one calibrated spoken word is characterized by presenting the at least one calibrated spoken word having peak value calibration. In one or more various embodiments, related systems include but are not limited to circuitry and/or programming for effecting the foregoing-described method embodiments; the circuitry and/or programming can be virtually any combination of hardware, software, and/or firmware configured to effect the foregoing-described method embodiments depending upon the design choices of the system designer.

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